

Gallaudet Fact—

Q. What is the Cradle of Gallaudet and what is the significance of February 16, 1857?

Answer on page 4.



Class of 1981 Reunion Planning Committee members (from left) Allen Mathews, Dr. Barbara Brinks, Brenda Keller, Deb Moore, and Darlene Hubbard are shown with the bench that was purchased as a gift in kind to the University with money left over from the class' 25th year celebration. The bench is located on the lawn adjacent to the College Hall parking lot.



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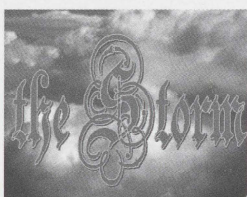
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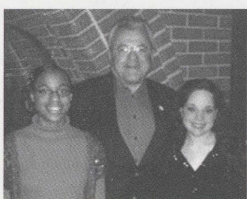
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Search for provost underway

Gallaudet has begun in earnest its search for a permanent provost. In a February 7 message to the campus community, President Robert R. Davila said he had asked the Office of Human Resources Services to post the announcement for the provost's position. "As I have shared with you earlier, I believe that it is important to have a permanent provost on board as soon as possible," he said.

The provost's position will be advertised on campus for one month. Advertising off campus in national journals, which have early advertising submission deadlines, "would have created an unacceptable delay," Dr. Davila said.

"I encourage everyone to actively recruit highly qualified individuals, on and off campus, to consider applying for this position," said Davila.

Faculty officers will coordinate the establishment of a search committee that will review applications, conduct interviews, and recommend acceptable candidates for Davila, who will select the new provost.

The search committee, which will be chaired by a faculty member, will include five faculty members, three staff members, one administrator, and two students. The faculty officers, the Staff Advisory Committee, and the Student Body Government/Graduate Student Association will be asked to submit two nominations for each allotted search committee membership. These 22 names will be given to the faculty officers who will select 11 people. Davila said that the faculty officers "will make every effort to insure a diverse search committee in making their selection from the 22 people nominated." ■

Gallaudet's PART rating increased to 'adequate'

Note: The following message regarding Gallaudet's status in the Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART) system was sent to the campus community by President Robert R. Davila in a February 6 email.

"Dear Campus Community:

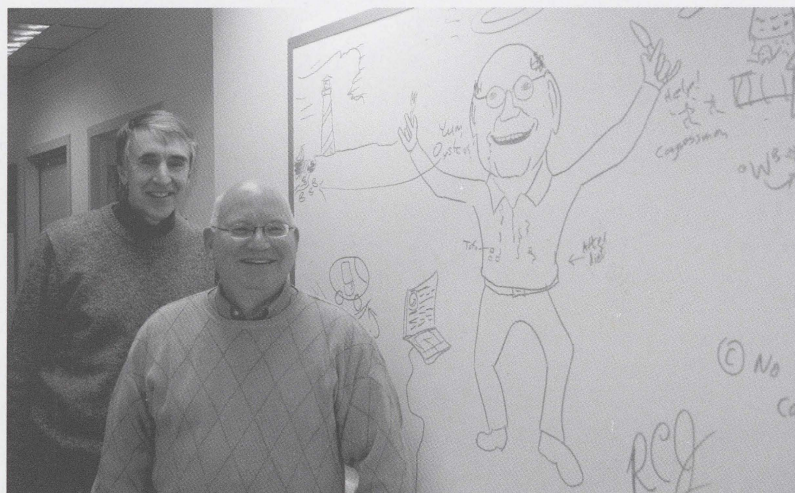
"Last year at this time, Gallaudet was informed by the Department of Education and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) that it had received a rating of "ineffective" following an assessment under the federal Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART) system. Gallaudet appealed the rating because pertinent information and data had not been utilized to determine the rating and because it had not been an active partner to the review process. OMB agreed to an immediate reassessment and, following a year-long process in which Gallaudet and the Department of Education participated, our rating has now been increased to "adequate."

"This is good news for Gallaudet University, but we accept criticisms of our programs that continue to be valid. In particular, we are being called upon to work harder to increase the percentage of our undergraduate students who continue to enroll and who eventually graduate. This is an important goal of the University, and we will redouble our efforts to see that it happens.

"Here is a link to Gallaudet's rating at the OMB website: www.whitehouse.gov/omb/expectmore/summary/10003306.2006.html." ■



Gallaudet Research Institute (GRI) Director Michael Karchmer was recognized at a January 31 retirement reception in the Kellogg Conference Hotel atrium. ABOVE—Dr. Karchmer celebrates with (from left) daughter-in-law, Heather Karchmer; son, Noah Karchmer; wife, Susan Karchmer; and granddaughter, Madeline Karchmer. BELOW—Karchmer is shown with Robert C. Johnson, GRI research editor, beside a caricature of him drawn by Johnson at a January 30 luncheon given by his colleagues in GRI. His colleagues and friends also gave him a teak bench with a commemorative plaque for the garden at the Karchmers' new home in Cape Cod, Mass. Karchmer's distinguished career at the University began 31 years ago as a research scientist in the Office of Demographic Studies. In 1982, with the creation of GRI, he became the director of the Center for Assessment and Demographic Studies. Within a few years, he became associate dean of GRI, then dean of the Graduate School and Research. In 1999, Karchmer left that position to become a full-time faculty member in the Department of Educational Foundations and Research, but returned the following year to become director of GRI, a position he maintained until his retirement.



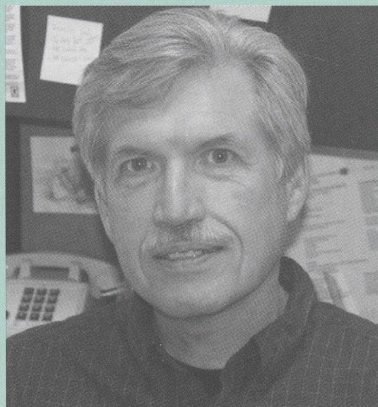
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What lies in the future for blogs and vlogs?



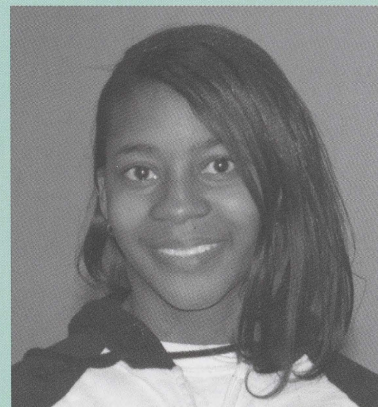
I think they will continue to expand and grow in the future. Many people are really using them now.

Emilia Chukwuma, associate professor, Department of Business



I don't read them or watch them unless they're sent to me. I do watch Dr. Davila's vlog. For the future, I think they will get more selective and more reality-based. At least, I hope that's what will happen.

Terry Coye, director, Tutorial and Instructional Programs



Blogs and vlogs will expand so quickly within the next two years that almost everything will run on them. News will be reported through them rather than TV because the work population will have laptops and computers more readily available than TV.

Nicole LaMont, student



I think the future of blogs and vlogs in the deaf community lies in vlogs. In the future you'll be able to post video comments and vlogs as easy as it is to post text now—you'll go to a website and record video directly without having to have special software.

Bobby Cox, coordinator of electronic communications, Office of Public Relations

Administration & Finance

Access to the I. King Jordan Student Academic Center (JSAC)

Construction on the Sorenson Language and Communication Center has begun, and issues concerning handicapped parking and access to the JSAC are being resolved. Two entrances to the JSAC have been equipped to accommodate people with special mobility needs. There is now a ramp on the northeast side (facing Hotchkiss Field) of the JSAC, and signage and a door button on the northwest side, near the memorial garden on the mall side. The University's Parking Committee has met to discuss the relocation of handicapped parking spaces and appropriate signage. The campus community will be notified of parking changes in the near future.

Mileage rate increase

The reimbursement rate for people using their vehicles for Gallaudet business was increased to 48.5 cents per mile, effective February 5. This reimbursement rate includes gas used for the trip. To be reimbursed, beginning and ending odometer readings are required.

Cousin Sally

To Cousin Sally,

There are a lot of changes taking place at Gallaudet right now. I'm concerned that my duties or position might be re-configured at any moment. I find myself wondering: a year from now, where will my office be? Who will I work with? Will I still be close to a vending machine for my afternoon Diet Coke fix? It is all unclear and I am honestly nervous about this. What should I do?

-Worried In My Present Role

Dear WIMPR,

Yes, change is scary, but then again, it is so much a part of our lives. When I built my farm house, I never thought much about what might happen in the future. But a few years and a few "Bring Your Favorite Milk-Based Cocktail" parties later, it definitely needed some upkeep. I had to make some changes, like replacing the siding and fortifying the chandeliers.

From what I know about Gallaudet, the higher-ups have the school's best interests in mind. They also want as much input from the community as possible so that all the changes are well-informed. That's why I'll be first in line for my Team Gallaudet pin, and will come back to our new president with feedback and opinions I've collected from you all, and maybe some of my homemade aged Romano to boot.

WIMPR, I hope you are able to stay where you are, if that is what you truly want. If things do end up changing, I hope you decide it's for the best. Maybe you'll even be moved closer to your beloved pop dispenser, and you'll thank your lucky stars.

Do you have a question for our dairy farmer and advice columnist Cousin Sally? Send it to cousin.sally@gallaudet.edu.



Thelma Schroeder (right), director of Academic Advising, congratulates Jamie Nomeland, academic/career advisor, for five years of service to the University.

Community invited to participate in Hearing and Speech Clinic survey

Gallaudet students, faculty, staff, and alumni are invited to participate in an online survey that will be used to improve services at Gallaudet's Hearing and Speech Clinic. This survey is anonymous. It will take five minutes to complete.

The survey can be found at hsls.gallaudet.edu/HSC%20Survey/hscsurvey.htm.

If there are questions, please email Julie.verhoff@gallaudet.edu.

This survey is approved by Gallaudet's Institutional Review Board. ■

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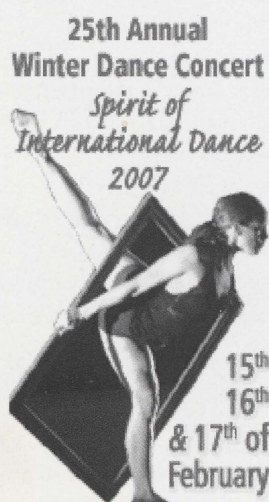
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Nancy Goodman (left), director of the Office of Financial Aid, recognizes Jean Alexander, financial aid advisor, for 20 years of service to Gallaudet.



Come for a dance spectacular!

MSSD's Theatre Malz

February 16 and 17 at 8 p.m.

For ticket reservations: email anna.hall@gallaudet.edu, or phone x5184

Campus Calendar

February

16—The Structure of Personal Narratives in ASL, 10:30 a.m.–noon, Jordan Student Academic Center, Rm. 1011

20—CAC Tournament First Round, time and location TBA

21—Career Center's Internship and Job Fair, 10 a.m.–3p.m., GUKCH; Black History Month guest speaker: "Passionate to Stay Motivated," 4–6 p.m., Foster Auditorium

22—CAC Semifinals, time and location TBA; showing of best documentary nominee "9/11 Fear

in Silence: The Forgotten Underdogs," 3–5 p.m., Jordan Student Academic Center, Rm. 1011

24—CAC Championship, time and location TBA

28—Grad Fest, 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Jordan Student Academic Center, MPR

March

5—Monthly PFLAG meeting, 7:30–9 p.m., HMB, Rm. S135

8—Mid-Atlantic Cochlear Implant Meeting, 6:30–8:30 p.m., Jordan Student Academic Center, MPR

Going, Going, Gone

FOR RENT: Completely renovated 2-BR/1-BA apt. 1213 Queen St., NE, on Union Station bus line, includes new carpet, microwave, disposal, W/D, dishwasher, cable ready, central air conditioning, and gas heat. Rent \$1,450/mo. plus util., and security deposit, contact diane.clark@gallaudet.edu.

Campus Activities sponsors second annual Calibere Student Leadership Conference

By Robert McConnell
Campus Activities assistant, and co-chair,
Student Leadership Conference

Campus Activities, a division of Student Affairs, has launched a comprehensive student leadership curriculum designed to prepare deaf and hard of hearing college students for the challenges many of them will face as they leave Gallaudet to enter a very competitive professional world.

One arm of this endeavor is the Calibere Student Leadership Conference, an intensive weekend of training, workshops, lectures, and role-play. The list of invited guest speakers for the February 16 to 18 event includes deaf leaders in various fields who will share their expertise with Gallaudet students.

What does "Calibere" mean? The word is derived from the English "caliber," or "calibre," and traces further back to old French, Italian, and Arabic origins. Calibere conveys the idea of a mark of excellence and standards of high moral excellence, two concepts of the utmost importance in the days ahead for the Gallaudet community.

The first annual Calibere Student Leadership Conference, held last September, drew 45 students from various organizations and different leadership roles. The conference addressed many pressing issues on campus, including student unrest that lead to protests a few weeks later. In an attempt to address the brewing student concerns, a role-play activity, "In Their Shoes," featured role-reversals with students acting as University administrators trying to deal with different situations relating to management in higher education. Other topics included the Social Change Model,

presented by Wendy Wagner from the University of Maryland; "Running Effective Meetings," by Fred Weiner; a keynote address by Julie Bourne, who encouraged students to believe in themselves and their dreams; another keynote talk by Stephen Hlibok; a panel on inclusiveness in student organizations, moderated by Luis Torres; and "Agreeing to Disagree" by Sandi LaRue-Atuonah.

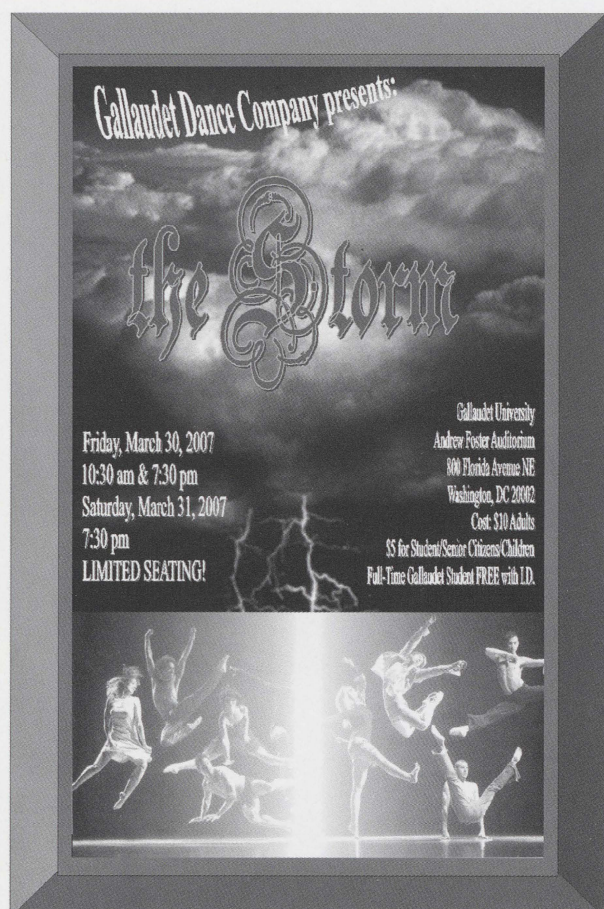
The second annual Calibere Student Leadership Conference will focus on issues facing deaf people on a national level, with the preservation of accessibility and rights at the forefront of every colloquium or panel discussion.

Dr. Roslyn Rosen, director of the National Center on Deafness at California State University, Northridge, will be the keynote speaker. Other speakers include: Leticia Arellano, instructor, Center for ASL Literacy; Noah Beckman, president, Student Body Government; Dr. MJ Bienvenu, chair, ASL and Deaf Studies; David Eberwein, advocate, Deafhood; Dr. Joseph Innes, special assistant to the president, Office of the President; Carl Pramuk, dean, Student Affairs; Dr. Laurene Simms, associate professor, Department of Education; and Dr. Stephen Weiner, professor, Communication Studies.

The Calibere Student Leadership Conference is sponsored by Campus Activities, The American College Personnel Association, The Gallaudet Leadership Institute, and CSD. For more information about Campus Activities or the Calibere Student Leadership Conference, please contact campus.activities@gallaudet.edu or stop by the Campus Activities information desk in the I. King Jordan Student Academic Center. ■

Among Ourselves

Have You Ever Seen...?: An American Sign Language (ASL) Handshape DVD/Book by Dr. E. Lynn Jacobowitz, an associate professor in ASL and Deaf Studies, and Dr. Adonia K. Smith, a professor in ASL Studies/Deaf Education at McDaniel College, has received a five-star rating review from the *Clarion Review/The Foreword Magazine*, which focuses on the literary achievements of independent publishers and their authors. In the book and DVD, Jacobowitz and Smith, co-founders of ASL Rose, a unique collaboration which creates, publishes and distributes ASL-English bilingual-bicultural educational materials, present 44 of the most common ASL hand shapes in a mix of cultural vignettes in English text and full-color graphics.



The Gallaudet Dance Company will present its 51st Dance Concert, "The Storm," performed by current Dance Company members and featuring all new choreography, in the Andrew Foster Auditorium on March 30 at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., and March 31 at 7:30 p.m.

Other highlights of this special performance will be Mario Hernandez, ASL storyteller; Gallaudet student choreography; and the Young Women's Drumming Empowerment Project.

Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$5 for students, senior citizens, and children; and free for full-time Gallaudet students, with I.D.

Box Office hours at

Foster Auditorium are: March 27 to March 29, 2 to 4 p.m.; March 30, 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday, March 31, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call x5591 or go online to depts.gallaudet.edu/dance.

Clerc Center Happenings

Gallaudet National Essay, Art, and Sign Contest winners announced

By Cathryn Carroll

In an exciting collaboration with the 2007 Winter Deaflympics Organizing Committee, the Clerc Center asked deaf and hard of hearing students what "going for the gold" means to them.

Over 300 students from around the country entered the Gallaudet National Essay, Art, and Sign Contest to describe how they "go for the gold" in their lives. The contest has been expanded to include entries in ASL.

Contest co-coordinator Timothy Worthylake commented, "The nation's classrooms are filled with deaf and hard of hearing students who have set meaningful personal goals and who are working hard to fulfill those goals. They used the contest to explore their feelings about themselves and their 'gold' through writing, art, and American Sign Language." He expressed appreciation to all participants, winners, and judges.

The Clerc Center and the 2007 Winter Deaflympics Organizing Committee awarded the top three winners in each contest category two combo tickets to the recent Deaflympics in Salt Lake City, Utah. In addition, winners in the essay contest earned scholarship money, which will be doubled for those who elect to attend Gallaudet.

All winning essay and art entries are published in *Celebrate!*, the Clerc Center's annual showcase magazine of the work of deaf and hard of hearing students. An audiovisual show of the top essay, art, and ASL category winners was displayed at the Deaflympics Expo on February 2 and 3. The art entries are currently on display at the Linda K. Jordan Art Gallery.

The Clerc Center and the 2007 Winter Deaflympics Organizing Committee also teamed up to create an educational website on the Deaflympics, clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/deaflympics.

Following is a list of judges and winners:

Writing category

Judges:

- **Mary Ellen Carew** is a published writer and managing editor in the Office of Publications and Information Dissemination at the Clerc Center.



Photo by Cathryn Carroll

Gerry Francini, from the Deaflympics Organizing Committee, congratulates Shara Winesburg, from the California School for the Deaf, Fremont, for her second-place finish in the Gallaudet National Essay, Art, and Sign Contest held in collaboration with the Winter Deaflympics. Shara won for her essay about working and bonding with children with AIDS.

- **Dr. Gina Oliva** is a professor in the Department of Physical Education and Recreation and the author of *Alone in the Mainstream: A Deaf Woman Remembers Public School*.
- **Dr. Madan Vasishta**, an associate professor in the Department of Administration and Supervision, was an administrator at several schools for deaf students until he retired in 2000. The author of five books and over 50 articles, he is working on an historical novel and a sequel to his memoirs.

Winners:

- **Kevlasha Humphrey**, first place Jacksonville, Ill.
- **Shara Winesburg**, second place Fremont, Calif.
- **Gina De Naples**, third place Jamestown, N.C.
- **Jon Gabry**, honorable mention Mountain Lakes, N.J.
- **Molly Haywood**, honorable mention Batavia, Ill.
- **Shubhangi Agrawal**, judges' choice Fremont, Calif.
- **Hannah Bartini**, judges' choice Pittsfield, Mass.
- **AnMarie Rainey**, judges' choice Irvine, Calif.
- **Gladys Villalobos**, judges' choice Tucson, Ariz.

Art category

Judges:

- **Scott Carollo** is an assistant professor in the Art Department.
- **Dr. Barbara Hardaway** is a professor of English, a studio artist who works in collage and acrylic mediums, and an art gallery owner. (See her work at www.barbarahardawaystudio.com.)
- **Shawn Richardson** is production assistant with the magazine of the National Historical Trust.

Winners:

- **Chris Miller**, first place Knoxville, Tenn.
- **Monica Keller**, second place Rochester, N.Y.
- **Gabriela Perrusquia**, third place Jacksonville, Ill.
- **Courtney Herrera**, honorable mention Jacksonville, Ill.
- **Krystal Starks**, honorable mention Jacksonville, Ill.
- **Robert Bradley**, judges' choice Staunton, Va.
- **Andrea Echavarria**, judges' choice Pittsburgh, Pa.
- **Kevlasha Humphrey**, editor's award Jacksonville, Ill.
- **Samantha Lynton**, editor's award San Antonio, Tex.
- **Tamarris Parks**, editor's award Clover, S.C.
- **Debbie Salamanca**, editor's award Frederick, Md.
- **Donte Thomas**, editor's award Frederick, Md.

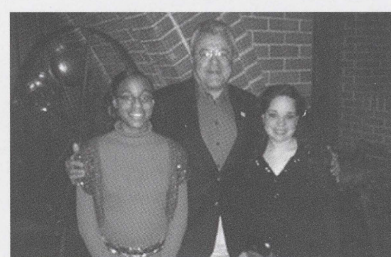


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Gallaudet President Robert R. Davila stands with Gallaudet National Essay, Art, and Sign contest winners Kylei Brooks (left) of Kansas City, Kan. and Gina DeNaples of Jamestown, N.C. The students were the first contest winners to arrive in Salt Lake City for the 16th Winter Deaflympics, and Dr. Davila invited both girls to a restaurant for a special breakfast.

Sign category:

Judges:

- **Dennis Berrigan** is the American Sign Language Center coordinator at the Clerc Center. He works with national mission projects and serves as sign master.
- **Gary Brooks** was the first Gallaudet student to receive the National Film Award. He works for the Academic Technology Department, Television and Media Production Services, and owns Blue Apple Production/Gary Brooks Studio.
- **Sanremi LaRue-Atuonah** is an instructional supervisor for Tutorial and Instructional Programs and a doctoral candidate in the special education: administration and supervision program.
- **Dr. Jane Norman**, an Emmy-award winning producer and advocate in filmmaking for many years, is a professor in the Communication Studies Department. She is also known as an international speaker on deaf cinema.
- **Nancy Walla**, a former Peace Corps volunteer, taught deaf students for 20 years and worked as an adjunct teacher at a variety of colleges before coming to the Clerc Center, where she teaches classes in American Sign Language.

Winners:

- **Christopher Kearney**, first place Austin, Tex.
- **Kylei Brooks**, second place Olathe, Kan.
- **Maria Solovey**, third place Washington, D.C.
- **Calvin Young**, honorable mention Austin, Tex.
- **Wolfgang Staley**, most inspirational Washington, D.C.
- **Brooke Harper**, judges' choice Olathe, Kan.
- **Drew C. Meade**, most creative Danville, Ky.
- **Da'Shawn Owens**, most promising Fulton, Mo.

For next year's contest, the Clerc Center will again ask deaf and hard of hearing students throughout the country to respond to an important theme through writing, art, or sign language. The theme is: "YES, I can!" For more information, visit: clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/showcase. ■

Gallaudet students take part in 14th Annual Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program

A recent study by Gallaudet students found using public transportation was associated with lower reported stress levels for deaf commuters in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

The project, "A Pilot Study of Stress in Deaf Commuters," was conducted by Leah Murphy, Nicolas Garfias, Silvia Herdicka, Brittney Kleinemas and Michael Higgins. The students presented their findings during the 14th annual Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program Research Showcase, held January 23 in Washington.

Researchers conducted surveys to identify potential stress factors of deaf people traveling via public transportation (Metro, bus, train) or private means (walking, biking, motorcycles/scooters, car/carpooling). Reasons for the high anxiety levels included the high cost of driving (gas, car maintenance), accidents, inclement weather, and parking woes. According to the study, respondents said they continued to experience stress even after reaching their destinations.

The fellowship program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration, provides recipients with opportunities for careers in the transportation field. ■

It Takes a Village to Raise a Black Deaf Child, a special weekend event, is coming up. With the theme of "Weaving Our Future," this event will feature a fashion show, workshops, entertainment, and an inspirational presentation, all taking place at Gallaudet on the weekend of March 2 to 4. To register, email dorian4002000@yahoo.com by February 20.

Gallaudet Fact—

A. The Cradle of Gallaudet is another name for the Rose Cottage. This was the building where the first students at Kendall Green took classes. The cottage's location was between where College Hall and Chapel Hall now stand, and the spot is marked by a stone plaque and rose bushes.

On February 16, 1857, Congress passed HR 806, which chartered a school and provided tuition funding. The Columbia Institution opened its doors on June 13 of that year with eight students. To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the signing of the charter, events will be held throughout the year, including a conference in April entitled "150 Years on Kendall Green: Celebrating Deaf History and Gallaudet," hosted by the Gallaudet University Press.

The University, as a whole, will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2014. On April 8, 1864, President Abraham Lincoln signed the charter adding the collegiate division to the Columbia Institution.